



MIAC NEWSLETTER—WINTER 2014

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WHAT IS NEW AND EXCITING WITH MIAC IN 2014?

MIAC has employed the motto: “Something old, something new” for some time now and 2014 will continue that trend. We will stick with what has worked in prior years as and will once again sponsor the following events: **St. Patrick’s Potluck**, **SF Giant’s Baseball Game**, **Jazz festival at the Cline Winery**, **Memorial Mass at St. Cecilia** and the **Christmas party**. We will also award **MIAC Scholarships** and have a dinner to celebrate the winners.

The “something new” consists of a number of new fun and exciting events. We are now going to have a quarterly Irish Music evening with the **Celtic musicians at the Mayflower Restaurant** in San Rafael. Although we did this a couple of times during 2013, we will now make this a regular event. We are able to bring back one of the most popular events of the year and have scheduled the **Irish Consul-General** to speak to our group on February 27. We are scheduling a MIAC day at the **San Rafael Pacific’s**, which should be real fun and will be sponsoring the **Irish Music Festival** in Fairfax in October. We continue to ask for your input but we feel 2014 will be another banner year for MIAC.

2013 MIAC CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Club Restaurant has gone through a remodel during 2013 and the room was better than ever. No more heavy chairs and improved acoustics made our annual event more exciting. The Restaurant also improved its food, which was hard to do but everyone commented on how delicious it was. We still had the same Irish fun and friendly atmosphere which is why we do our Party in the first place.

We did live music this years Party which received mixed reviews. Other options are being explored for next year’s party. Our auction and raffle was a success and provided over \$600 to our Scholarship fund.

Everybody had a grand old Irish celebration. Mark your calendars now for our next Christmas party, December 6th.

Reminder
MIAC Scholarship Applications are due by March 17th.
See Website for details and to download an application.



2014 MIAC Calendar

Feb 27th	Presentation by Irish Consul-General at the Club
March 9th	St. Patrick's Potluck At St. Isabella
April 1st,	Irish Music night at
(July, Oct.)	Mayflower Restaurant
May	MIAC Scholarship Awards At the Club at McInnis
June 11th	SF Giants Baseball Game At AT&T Park
July	San Rafael Pacific Baseball At Albert's Park
October	Irish Music Festival Fairfax
November	Memorial Mass
Dec6th	Christmas Party, Club Restaurant

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2013 MIAC MEMORIAL MASS

Thank you Mary and thanks again to our cook Kevin for a wonderful meal. Over 35 of us had another beautiful morning in Lagunitas. As always, our Chaplin, Fr. Cyril celebrated the Mass and was a gracious host. Stay tuned, Gin Fizzes added in 2014!

Irish Consul-General Event

Jack Hayes has once again been able to coordinate this wonderful MIAC event and has secured Philip Grant, the Irish Consul-General to speak to us on February 27th at 7 PM at the Club Restaurant at McInnis Park. Dessert and coffee/tea is only \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Get an up to date at what is going on in Ireland from someone who really knows.

Bring your questions for Philip as he knows there will be lots. We will provide ample time for questions and answers.

Food and beverages, (Irish and non Irish) are available for purchase so you can make this a "dinner" with the Irish Consul-General if you like.

In any case, regardless what you eat or drink, this will be a fun event.

SF Giants

Rob Pheatt has purchased 40 tickets at the lower box level for a Giants game against the Washington Nationals on June 11th. This is a night game and tickets will go fast. If your interested, you can email Rob to reserve your tickets.

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2014-2015 MIAC Board Elections

MIAC will elect new Board members for the 2014 - 2015 year at its Annual Meeting during the Potluck in March. If you have any interest in helping the Club get better and stronger, please let a Board member know and we would love to have your support.

San Rafael Pacific's Baseball

See professional baseball right here in downtown San Rafael at a very reasonable cost with no transportation or parking charges. Food and beverages are inexpensive and there is a lot of fun and excitement of rooting your local team to victory.

MIAC will now do what a lot of other organizations have done and support our local team. We are currently working on setting up a game and will let you know when. Check your emails or the website for details.



Irish Music Festival

There is a week long Irish music festival each year in late October in Fairfax. This year MIAC intends to be more proactive with this event and have provide our members with certain events which will be CLUB events. We will let you more about this as it promises to be another fun Irish activity.

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★ **MIAC Annual Dues** ★

★ **\$25 Individual** ★

★ **\$30 Family** ★

★ **Payable at Potluck** ★

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Mayflower Music Night

Some of you are not aware but the Celtic Irish music group that has been playing for years at St. Isabella's on Wednesdays is now at the Mayflower Restaurant on 4th Street on Tuesdays. A number of the members have made this a regular event and have enjoyed dinner at 6PM with music starting at 7:30PM.

Enjoy some wonderful food, drink and great Irish music. MIAC will reserve you a table and welcome you on scheduled evenings during the year. **Our next scheduled evening is Tuesday, April 1st.** You will receive an email notification for future dates or